to the effect that Government have had three rounds of negotiations with the Punjab extremists since April 2, 1987 through Muni Sri Sushil Kumar, Sardar Tirlochan Singh Riyasti and Sardar Jasbir Singh Rode; and

(b) if so, what are the details and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Government has seen the news-item referred.

(b) As has been made clear from time to time the Government is ready for talks with the concerned parties to resolve the Punjab tangle, provided they express their full commitment to uphold the Constitution and maintain the unity and integrity of the country and also make it clear that they are against violence Acharya Sushil Kumar had been active in Punjab for some-time, seeking a non-violent solution within the frame-work of the Constitution to the problems there. No details are available about the efforts, if any, made by the other parties, mentioned in the news report.

Non-trading of shares companies in stock Exchanges

3035. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that shares of some companies which have come up with public issues during the last few years are not being traded in any of the Stock Exchanges;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government contemplate against such companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Information for the last three years will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Trading in the shares of companies in the Stock Exchanges depends upon the demand for and supply of the shares concerned and, therefore, the question of taking steps against companies do not arise.

Amendment of section 139 of Income-Tax Act

3036. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend section 139 of the Income-Tax Act; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The necessary amendment is proposed to be included in the Amendment Bill, which is likely to be introduced in the Parliament shortly.

Setting up of a Board for capital investment

3037. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Board has been set up for foreign capital investment; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Foreign Investment Board already exists to clear cases of foreign capital investment.

(b) This is an Inter-minsterial Committee Chaired by the Finance Secre-